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Attorney Docket No.	KAP 101 DIV
First Inventor	Aaron V. Kaplan
Title	METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR PERICARDIAL ACCESS
Express Mail Label No.	EL 845500604 US

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. Specification [Total Pages 13]
 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total 4]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 1]
 - a. Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
 - i. DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

 Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: 09/397,392

Prior application information: Examiner M. Mendez

Group / Art Unit 3735

For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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Applicant claims small entity status
See 37 CFR § 1.27

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1. BASIC FILING FEE

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Fee Fee Fee Fee Description

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101	740	201	370 Utility filing fee
106	330	206	165 Design filing fee
107	510	207	255 Plant filing fee
108	740	208	370 Reissue filing fee
114	160	214	80 Provisional filing fee
SUBTOTAL (1)			\$370.00

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims 6	-20** = 0	0.00
Independent Claims 2	-3** = 0	0.00
Multiple Dependent		

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
103	18	203 9 Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202 42 Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204 140 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	84	209 42 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210 9 ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
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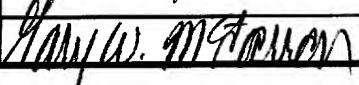
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105	130	205 65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227 25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139 130 Non - English specification	
147	2,520	147 2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	920*	112 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113 1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215 55 Extension for reply within first month	
116	400	216 200 Extension for reply within second month	
117	920	217 460 Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,440	218 720 Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,960	228 980 Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	320	219 160 Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220 160 Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221 140 Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,280	241 640 Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,280	242 640 Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	460	243 230 Design issue fee	
144	620	244 310 Plant issue fee	
122	130	122 130 Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123 50 Processing fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(q)	
126	180	126 180 Submission of Information Disclosure Statement	
581	40	581 40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	740	246 370 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	740	249 370 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	740	279 370 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169 900 Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify) _____			

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